

U.S., ROK reach agreement on moving U.S. forces' bases

Story by Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. and Korean officials have agreed on a plan to move all 8,000 American troops out of Seoul and its suburbs by December 2008.

The forces will be relocated to south of the Han River in the Pyeongtaek area, roughly 50 miles south of Seoul.

Officials also agreed to move the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division from its existing bases near the Demilitarized Zone to the same area south of Seoul.

American and Republic of Korea officials announced the upcoming changes in a joint press conference at the State Department's Foreign Press

Center Washington D.C. July 23.

Officials briefed the press following the 10th round of the Future of the Alliance talks, held Washington D.C. last week.

"The important message of the day today is that the alliance is well," said Richard Lawless, deputy undersecretary of defense for Asia Pacific affairs. "It's working toward its goals; it's progressing."

Officials gave several reasons for the shift in forces.

Consolidating far-flung forces on fewer bases will allow greater efficiency in land use and personnel, Evans Revere, a U.S. State Department expert on Asian affairs, said.

He also noted the move will free up "some very valuable land" for use by Korean municipalities. He said he hopes this will enhance Korean public support for continued U.S. military presence on the peninsula.

Lawless explained that areas surrounding U.S. facilities north of the Han River have become increasingly urbanized and those bases now cause "discomfort" to the local population.

"(U.S. bases) encroach upon the daily lives of the Korean people," he said, noting the upcoming move is "very much driven by our desire to become a better partner there."

Officials from both countries have been working together for some time to

finalize plans to move 2nd Infantry Division troops south from the DMZ region.

During Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's visit to the ROK in November 2003, officials explained the U.S. government has been investing in enhanced weapons systems and command-and-control systems to allow more efficient deployment of forces in Korea.

"Whatever adjustments we may make will reflect the new technologies that are available, the new capabilities, and they will strengthen our ability to deter, and if necessary, defeat any aggression against allies such as South Korea," Rumsfeld said Nov. 18, 2003, in Seoul.

On the road again



PHOTO BY CHO PONG-SUNG

Rows of M1A1 Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles from 2nd Infantry Division were staged at the port in Busan in preparation for shipment to Iraq. The 20th Area Support Group took the lead in staging and loading the equipment, which was completed July 23 when the last ship sailed. See page 25 for the story.

IG: Individual discipline failures led to Iraqi detainee abuse

Story by Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While there is room for improvement in detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, cases of reported detainee abuse there were caused primarily by individuals failing to live up to the standards of decency and Army Values they had been taught in the Army, according to an Inspector General inspection report made public during recent congressional testimony.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and the Army's top inspector general, Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashek, briefed members of the Senate Armed Services Committee July 23 on the report's major findings, observations and recommendations.

"The abuses that occurred are not representative of policy, doctrine or Soldier training," Mikolashek said. "These abuses should be viewed as what they are — unauthorized actions taken by a few individuals, and in some cases, coupled with the failure of a few leaders to provide

adequate supervision and oversight."

Brownlee directed the Department of the Army Inspector General on Feb. 10 to conduct an assessment of detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan following reports of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

While the inspection reviewed 125 reports of detainee abuse in the Central Command areas of responsibility that were known as of June 9, investigators focused their efforts on a functional analysis of pertinent doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership, personnel and facilities issues — finding no common Army institutional failure among the reported cases.

Of the 125 reports of detainee abuse, 31 were determined to have no substance.

Of the 94 remaining cases, some remain undetermined and are under investigation, and some have resulted in criminal charges against involved Soldiers under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Our Soldiers are warriors of character and that will not change," Schoomaker said. "...The inexcusable actions of a few are

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Courts-Martial

United States v. Johnson

On July 19-20, an enlisted panel sitting as a general court-martial tried a Soldier from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Personnel Command on a charge of maiming.

On Jan. 1, Pfc. Melody G. Johnson struck another Soldier in the eye with a beer bottle at the UN Club in Itaewon. The court-martial found the Soldier guilty of the offense, Article 124 of the UCMJ, sentenced her to be confined for 60 days, to be reduced in grade to E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

The case must now go to the convening authority for review and action. The convening authority can never increase the punishment adjudged by the court. Before taking action, the convening authority receives legal advice, reviews the case and considers matters submitted by the accused and his counsel. Neither the findings nor the sentence is final until the convening authority takes action.

United States v. Soldier

On June 10-12, an enlisted panel sitting as a general court-martial tried a Soldier from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Medical Command on the following charges: one specification of soliciting his step-daughter to commit adultery and one specification of soliciting his step-daughter to commit sodomy, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ; one specification of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer by failing to return from leave as directed, in violation of Article 90, UCMJ; two specifications of making false official statements for lying to his detachment commander and for signing his commander's name on his unit clearing papers, in violation of Article 107, UCMJ; one specification of larceny of about \$2,250, in violation of Article 121, UCMJ; one specification of presenting a fraudulent claim of about \$2,207 against the United States, in violation of Article 132, UCMJ; and two specifications of obtaining services under false pretenses for staying at the Dragon Hill Lodge and receiving a government-paid airline ticket after fraudulently clearing the installation, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ.

The court-martial found a sergeant 1st class guilty of these charges and sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E-3, to be reprimanded, to be confined for 179 days, to be fined \$4,500, and to serve an additional 90 days of confinement if the fine is not paid.

The case must now go to the convening authority for review and action. The convening authority can never increase the punishment adjudged by the court. Before taking action, the convening authority receives legal advice, reviews the case and considers matters submitted by the accused and his counsel. Neither the findings nor the sentence is final until the convening authority takes action. The identity of the accused is withheld from this entry to protect the privacy of the victim.

Commentary

SecDef: Reasons for fighting

More than 15 months ago, a global coalition ended the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein and liberated the people of Iraq.

As in all conflicts, this has come at a cost in lives. Some of your comrades made the ultimate sacrifice. For your sacrifices, our country and the president are deeply grateful.

In a free, democratic country we have vigorous debates over important public policy issues — none more heated than a decision to go to war. But this should not distract us from the mission at hand or lessen the magnitude of your accomplishments.

The threat we face must be confronted. And you are doing so exceedingly well. Indeed it has been an historic demonstration of skill and military power.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 3,000 citizens were killed by extremists determined to frighten and intimidate our people and civilized societies. The future danger is that, if the extremists gain the potential, the number of casualties would be far higher. Terrorists are continuing to plot attacks against the American people and against other civilized societies. This is a different kind of enemy and a different kind of world. And we must think and act differently in this new century.

These extremists think nothing of cutting off innocent people's heads to try to intimidate great nations. They have murdered citizens from many countries — South Korea, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and others — hoping to strike fear in the hearts of free people.

Theirs is an ideology of oppression and subjugation of women. They seek to create radical systems that impose their views on others. And they will accept no armistice with those who choose free systems.

They see the governments of the Middle East, the United States and our stalwart allies all as targets.

Consider the background. In the span of 20 years, Hussein's Iraq invaded two neighbors, Iran and Kuwait, and launched ballistic

missiles at two more. He employed poison gas against soldiers in Iran and against Kurdish villagers in his own country.

The United Nations and the U.S. Congress shared the view that Saddam's regime was a threat to the region and the world. Indeed, in 1998, our Congress passed a resolution calling for the removal of the regime. And over the years the United Nations passed 17 resolutions condemning Saddam's regime and calling on him to tell the U.N. about his weapons programs. He ignored every one.

Information gathered since the defeat of Saddam's regime last year confirms that his last declaration to the United Nations about his weapons programs was falsified. The U.N. resolutions had called for "serious consequences" should Saddam not comply. He did not.

The president issued a final ultimatum to Saddam to relinquish power to avoid war. Saddam chose war instead.

By your skill and courage, you have put a brutal dictator in the dock to be tried by the Iraqi people and restored freedom to 25 million people. By helping to repair infrastructure, rebuild schools, encourage democratic institutions and delivering educational and medical supplies, you have shown America's true character and given Iraq a chance at a new start.

But most importantly, your fight — and ultimate victory — against the forces of terror and extremism in Iraq and the Middle East will have made America safer and more secure.

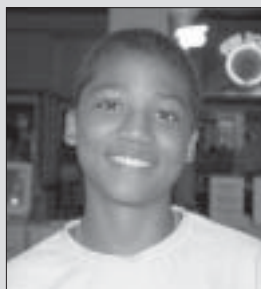
You are accomplishing something noble and historic - and future generations of Americans will remember and thank you for it.

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

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What is your favorite Korean food?



"Taenjung-chigae because it was the first Korean food my mother cooked for me." — Derek Jackson, family member, Camp Humphreys



"Bulgogi, because it's a little sweet." — Pfc. April Johnigan, Headquarters and Headquarters Area I, Camp Red Cloud



"Gimbap because it's healthy and easy to carry." — 1st Sgt. Larry J. Locke, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Support Area III, Camp Humphreys



"Yaki mandu. It tastes like chicken." — Pfc. Tiffany Stone, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Area I, Camp Red Cloud

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Gift Shop Reopens

The Chosun Gift Shop will reopen Wednesday and continue regularly scheduled hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

COLA Increase

The Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee recommended to the Military Advisory Panel an increase in Cost of Living Allowance for Korea. A 2-point increase in COLA allowance for all areas in Korea has been approved and is effective July 1. Refer to the per diem or 175fincom.korea.army.mil web site for service member specific increases in COLA allowance.

Registration at Seoul American Elementary School

The main office at SAES is open to register children, kindergarten through fifth-grade. For those who just moved in Seoul and are command sponsored to Yongsan or who missed reregistration, come to the Army Community Service Building, Room 121. For more information, call 736-4478 at SAES.

Contracting Command Closure

The U.S. Army Contracting Command-Korea will be closed 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday for the change of command from Col. Stephen Bianco to Col. Jeffrey Willey.

Center Offers Services

The Digital Business Center is a resource for the entire Yongsan community. Located at South Post Building 8105 across from Starbucks, the center offers Internet access, cyber games, document printing, copying scanning, digital photo printing, fax services, PC software and hardware upgrades and repairs as well as office supplies and DVDs. Stop by the center today for a tour. The center is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Claims

Anyone who has a claim against the estate Sgt. Robert McClelland, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Cap Humphreys, should contact 2nd Lt. John Shin, casualty assistance officer, at 753-6196.

Can't Get Enough

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Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Spc. John Thomas, maintenance technician at American Forces Network — Korea, checks the signals from various affiliate stations. To learn more about AFN, log on to www.afnkorea.com.

KORO Saber passes hands

Story by Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The saber was passed from one command sergeant major to another July 23 as the Installation Management Agency Korea Region held a change of responsibility ceremony at the multipurpose training facility.

The ceremony was an emotional one for Command Sgt. Maj. John Sanders, the outgoing command sergeant major. It marked the end of his tour as the top enlisted leader for KORO and his 29-year military career.

In a tear-filled retirement speech Sanders said, "I know, in the future, when asked what I did in the military, I will answer 'I am a Soldier.' The unsaid words...are enough for me."

During Sander's reign as the first enlisted Soldier in KORO, he promoted Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, Korean Augmentation to the U.S.

Army Soldier welfare and retiree affairs.

Sanders was replaced by Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Gill, who served as the U.S. Army Forces Central Command-Kuwait command sergeant major, Camp Doha, Kuwait, and AOR before coming to Korea.

He helped to send more than 200,000 troops from Kuwait to Iraq during his 14-month tour.

Asked what Gill would tell those in his newly-assumed position, he said, "There's something out there for each of us. For me, that source is my motivation. I don't care where I'm at; I'll survive because of my motivation level."

Gill added that others should find something to keep them going.

Gill's military education includes: Primary Leadership Development Course Korea; the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Fort Bragg, N.C., Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course Fort Bliss,

Texas; U.S. Army First Sergeants Course; United States Army Sergeants Major Course class number 50; Airborne School; Air Assault School; and Jumpmaster School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters); the Army Commendation Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters); the Army Achievement Medal (nine Oak Leaf Clusters); the Navy Achievement Medal; the Army Good Conduct Medal (nine awards); the Army Expeditionary Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and numerous other service and campaign ribbons.

Command Sergeant Major Gill's civilian education includes an Associates Degree in Applied Science in Administrative and Management Studies from Regents College.

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Investigation

not representative of the vast majority of the Army."

The report noted that detainee abuse does not occur when Soldiers remain disciplined, follow known procedures and understand their obligation to report abusive behavior. Nor does detainee abuse occur when leaders enforce basic standards of humane treatment, provide oversight and supervision of detainee operations and take corrective action when they see potentially abusive situations develop, it stated.

During the course of the inspection, five Soldiers came forward to the IGs to report possible detainee abuse, Mikolashek told the senators. All of those cases were referred to the Criminal Investigation Command, he said.

Other major report findings/observations include:

- Doctrine does not clearly specify the interdependent and independent roles, missions and responsibilities of military police and military intelligence units in the establishment and operation of interrogation facilities.

- While officially approved Combined Joint Task Force 7 and 180 interrogation policies and procedures generally met legal obligations, some were vague and ambiguous. Further, implementation, training and oversight of those policies were inconsistent.

- Military Intelligence units do not have enough interrogators and interpreters to conduct timely detainee screenings for usable tactical intelligence.

- Tactical MI officers lack the proper training to manage all aspects of the collection and analysis of human intelligence.

- Of the 16 detention facilities inspected in both countries, Abu Ghraib was the only one in an undesirable location, overcrowded and frequently attacked with mortar and rocket fire.

- Some CENTCOM civilian interrogation contractors worked without adequate formal training on military interrogation techniques or policy.

"Just as the current operational environment demands that we adapt, so too we must adapt our organization, doctrine and training — we are making these adjustments," Brownlee said.

Acknowledging that one case of detainee abuse is one too many, both Brownlee and Schoomaker asked the senators to put the 125 reported cases of abuse in context of more than 50,000 detainees passing through U.S. military hands, and in some cases, the abuse occurring immediately after the detainee had been trying to kill U.S. forces.

For the purposes of the inspection, detainee abuse was defined as any type of theft, physical assault, sexual assault or death of a detainee.

A copy of the IG final report on its inspection can be downloaded from the features section of the Army homepage, www.army.mil.

Osbournes visit OIF wounded

Story by Michael E. Dukes

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne visited wounded Operation Iraqi Freedom service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center July 21 to tell them they are thankful for their sacrifices and bravery.

The entertainers spent four hours in the hospital talking with and listening to the war stories of about 30 Soldiers, Airmen and Marines.

Some explained how their recovery was going, while others told Ozzy how they've loved his music for as long as they could remember. Nearly all of them knew Sharon from the "The Osbournes" on MTV; those who did not told her that their mothers were big fans of her "Sharon Osbourne Show."

When Marine Cpl. Kevin Rumley spoke with Ozzy, his first question was about the singer's tattoos. "Which one's did you do yourself?" he asked. Ozzy quickly pointed to a few on his left forearm and hand. The Marine showed his tattoos, and asked the rock star if he would autograph his arm.

"I'm gonna get it made into a tattoo," he said with grin. To which Ozzy replied, "Really? That's cool man."

Another long-time fan, Spc. Kevin

Pannell, said back in school he made a drawing of Ozzy's large dragon tattoo. When he asked if he could see it, Ozzy pulled his shirt up to his chin, exposing a blue dragon that was looking over his shoulder.

Spc. Leopold Pedraza showed the Osbournes how his myoelectric prosthetic arm worked, and how he could rotate the hand 360 degrees. Ozzy was fascinated by the technology, asking if the Soldier was getting good at using his "bionic" arm. Pedraza said he was making progress but he was told it would be a little time before he could wield the prosthetic with proficiency for normal daily tasks.

Along with the OIF patients, the Osbournes visited two teenage oncology patients on the hospital's Pediatric Ward and an 18-year-old girl in the intensive care unit who suffered from a congenital heart defect.

The Osbournes said they enjoyed their visit to Walter Reed and they look forward to stopping by in the future if they are in the area.

The visit to Walter Reed was part of an USO program that has brought nearly 100 celebrities to the hospital since over the last two years to help cheer the spirits of recovering service members.

Editors Note: *Michael Dukes works for the Walter Reed Public Affairs Office.*

Army Ten Miler ups field to 20,000

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Ten Miler increases to a field of 20,000 runners this year and nearly half of that number is already registered for the Oct. 24 race.

Entries totaled 9,700 after the July 4 weekend, and race officials said there is an indeterminate time left to sign up. Registration is over when the meter hits 20,000, and it is expected to do so well before the Sept. 17 calendar deadline.

It will be the 20th year for America's largest 10-mile race. The run begins at the Pentagon, winds through Washington, D.C., and returns to the headquarters of the U.S. military.

"I'm not sure how many Army Ten-Milers I've run, but it has to be close to 10 with my first race being either 1987 or 1988," said Lt. Col. Dick Kuehl. "The competition has really improved. In the 80s, my 55:12 finish time placed me in the top 35. In 1995, my 55:20 time placed me only in the top 100."

"Each year I see many of my old teammates," said Kuehl, an executive officer and military assistant in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army. In the past, he has run on teams Fort Harrison, Ind.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Eighth Army in Korea; Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Military District of Washington (the race host), and the Pentagon.

Leslie Higgins, a Floridian, has registered for the race. Higgins had never heard of the Army Ten-Miler until

this year, but she said that she already feels a connection to the race. Higgins served in the Women's Army Corps in World War II.

At 79, Higgins trains 30 miles a week including three days of seven-mile workouts and a 10-mile run on the weekends.

Back in 1998, elite track star Alisa Harvey of Manassas, Va., ran her first Ten Miler, winning the women's title in that year, 1999 and in 2003.

"For me, there are a couple of reasons why I like to run Army," said Harvey, one of the nation's top 800-meter runners in the 1990s. "The main one for me is the time of the year. Summer racing is over and it's starting to cool in October.

"The other reason is location."

Harvey has benefited greatly over the years from a huge fan base that easily recognizes her on the course, a fact not lost on her. "The turnouts are huge," she pointed out. "And, you are running around scenic Washington. It's not just a race — it's an event. It is a very popular, well-organized event."

"The other Army Ten-Miler that was memorable was last year, when I ran in such pain," she said. "I strained my foot on the track a week before and I tried to cancel but I just couldn't. Harvey ran with the pain and held on to win the 2003 women's title in 59:29.

Harvey will be back in 2004 to defend her title,

More information and registration for this year's Ten Miler is available at www.armytenmiler.com.

Editor's note: *Information provided by MDW Public Affairs.*

Camp Stanley opens issue facility

Story, photo by David McNally
 Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — Army officials opened a satellite central issue facility Monday in ceremonies at Camp Stanley.

“For the Soldiers, initially it will save them the drive to Camp Mobile to exchange same-sized items,” said Michael King, chief, Central Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment. “The end state will make it possible for them to do all transactions except receiving an issue.”

In Warrior Country, the issue of TA-50, or the standard load of military equipment Soldiers receive, happens at a customer service point at Camp Mobile, a small installation near Camp Casey.

King said 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers will still receive their initial issue while processing through the Warrior Replacement Detachment.

The new satellite facility is a small warehouse located adjacent to the deputy installation coordinator’s office at Building S-2204 on Camp Stanley.

Officials at U.S. Army Garrison Camp Red Cloud renovated the office to make the satellite issue facility a reality.

“For leaders it will mean not losing a Soldier for at least a half day just to direct exchange an item,” King said.

King said because the new facility is operated by



Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Hillard, (left) exchanges a helmet for a better fit from Sgt. David Bryant, Camp Stanley issue facility. Pvt. Orlando Clavero (center) waits his turn. The new facility does direct exchange on certain military-issued equipment.

Soldiers, there are no additional equipment or salary costs.

“From a personnel and equipment perspective,” King said, “there is no cost, but a savings to the total ‘Army dollar,’ because Soldiers will not have to travel so much, and will be available for duty more hours.”

In Korea, the main central issue facility operates from warehouses at Camp Humphreys. There are two outlying facilities at U.S. Army installations in Busan and Dongducheon.

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2nd Brigade Combat Team families learn the Army way

Army Family Teambuilding instructors prepare spouses

Story by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
 Area I Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — More than 30 Army spouses from Army I met at the South Post Chapel Saturday for Army Family Teambuilding Level I training.

The training was designed to introduce spouses to Army programs, as well as topics such as Army terms, acronyms, customs and courtesy, and chain of command.

“I think this is a very important program for our young spouses to experience,” said Margaret Wood, wife of Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, 2nd Infantry Division commanding general. “It will give them a lot of skills and understanding about being in the Army. Plus, it has pertinent information they can take with them and always use as a reference to look back upon. It makes spouses more comfortable with the Army and will help them understand

what their husbands are talking about. It will allow them to understand there are places they can go for help if they need it, but will also make them realize there’s a lot they can do on their own. Spouses have privileges within the military service, and they should use them to take care of themselves and their families.”

Saturday’s training session was organized for the spouses of Soldiers who are deploying to Iraq with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team later this summer.

“We want to ensure that as your spouse deploys, he’s focused on his mission,” said Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander. “He doesn’t have to worry about you having money, a roof over your head, clothes or being able to eat. Because he knows we all care about the families and will make sure that you are cared for, that you have those resources and understand the system, he can focus on the mission. He will always worry about you; as a husband, I know that. But we’re able to relieve some of his concerns, and we’re allowing him to

concentrate on his job so that he can come back to you safely.”

“These wives happen to be very young,” added Wood. “Most have not been married for even one year, and they really have no knowledge of what’s available to them as far as resources. We’re going to make sure they remain vibrant and strong, so they are a pillar of strength for their spouses who are deployed, not a detraction or concern.”

After some opening remarks and a basic orientation, the spouses were broken down into four groups by language – English, Korean, Russian and Tagalog, one of the major languages spoken in the Philippines. Each group was taught by a native speaker to help accommodate foreign spouses who might not understand the military terms in English.

Sally Hall, the Camp Casey USO director, taught the group of Filipino spouses.

“It’s easier to teach in their native language,” she explained, “but we’re also teaching it in English, because if we don’t, they’ll never learn it.”

The spouses found this helpful. Elena Smith, a Russian native, admitted her English is not as good as she would like and she has trouble understanding military terms.

“I love the class,” she said. “It’s a really good idea.”

“The other wonderful thing about doing anything like this, which brings spouses together, is it gets them to see who else is in this experience with them,” Wood said. “Organizations and programs do not get people through anything; they give them the ability to help themselves and know where they can go and what they can do. The most important things are their friends; friends are what make everything successful. So if the spouses walk out with two new friends today, they’ll have met someone they can rely upon throughout the year if they’re going to remain in this area. That’s the most important thing right now, because if they don’t retain what they’ve heard today, they can always refer back to their books. The most important thing is the connections they make.”

“What we do for each other as spouses is, we shoulder each other up to get through tough times, and that’s what we’re doing now,” she added. “I’m very proud of our spouses. They have a very positive attitude that reflects well on their military spouses.”

NEWS & NOTES

Commissaries Remain Open

The Camp Casey and Camp Howze commissaries will remain open during the troop farewell departure ceremony and block party Monday.

Program Coordinator Sought

Contracting Command Korea is looking for a Cross-Cultural Training and Counseling Center Annex Program coordinator for Area I. Call 732-7682 for more information or to apply.

National Kids Day

The Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service will host a National Kids Day event at the Village Green 11 a.m. Aug. 6. There will be food and games. For more information, call 732-9177.

Women's Equality Day

The Area I Equal Opportunity Office will host a Women's Equality Day luncheon at Mitchell's 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Aug. 13. Lt. Col. Elizabeth Bierden, 122nd Signal Battalion commander, will be the guest speaker.

August FAST Class

The Camp Red Cloud education center is holding a FAST class for GT-score improvement 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Aug. 9 - 13. Interested Soldiers must take the pre-test of adult basic education, which is offered every Monday at 8 a.m. in the education center. Registration for this class ends Aug. 6. For more information, call 732-5025.

EEO/POSH Training

The last opportunity to receive Department of the Army required annual Equal Employment Opportunity and Prevention of Sexual Harassment training will be Aug. 26 at the Camp Red Cloud Education Center. All U.S. civilian employees and military personnel who supervise U.S. civilian employees are required to attend. Registration for the class ends Aug. 13. For more information, call 732-9103.

Five-Kilometer Races in August

Camp Page and Camp Stanley Fitness Centers will each host a five-kilometer races Aug. 28. Race-day registration begins 8 a.m., with the races beginning 9 a.m.

8th Army Triathlon Team Championship

The 8th Army Triathlon Team Championship will begin at Hanson Field House on Camp Casey 9 a.m. Sept. 11. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. Teams must consist of three people - one swimmer, one cyclist and one runner. Competition will take place in three categories: men's, women's and mixed teams. For more information, call 730-2322.

Health Science Advanced Counseling Course

The Behavioral Science Academy will host the health science advanced counseling course Aug. 9 - 13 at Camp Casey. Twenty seats are available. For more information, call 730-1229.

Job Fair

The 2004 Warrior Job Fair is scheduled Sept. 15 at Camp Mobile by appointment only. For more information, call 730-4044, or preregister online at <http://www.morejobs.net>.

Community honors ACS

Story, photo by
Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — Community members and officials gathered at the Camp Stanley Army Community Service center July 21 to celebrate the organization's 39th birthday.

"This is a great day for ACS," said Col. Ross Ridge, 2nd Infantry Division

Artillery commander, before cutting the birthday cake. "What a great anniversary; 39 years supporting Soldiers and their families."

The ACS program was established in July 1965 as a way to keep Army volunteer programs alive after volunteers moved away, said Elizabeth Samarripa, Camp Stanley ACS director.

"It started off as an opportunity for volunteers to come together to support

our Soldiers and their families, and it continued to grow with a variety of programs over the years," Ridge explained. "It continues to grow today based upon the needs of our Soldiers and the families of Soldiers."

ACS offers services such as a lending closet; employment services; community volunteer coordination; financial and social service classes; and integration programs that help Soldiers and families adjust to their new assignments.

These programs are especially vital in Area I, Ridge said.

"Many of us don't realize the number of families that exist outside this gate. Most of them are noncommand sponsored, and they need a place to continue to gain access to essential items and services," he said.

Division Artillery Command Sgt. Maj. James Sherrill explained that the ACS also helps maintain mission readiness.

"If a young Soldier is not worrying about his family being taken care of," Sherrill said, "then he can focus and concentrate on his job."

"I truly appreciate everything the ACS office and the group of volunteers who support us do," Ridge said. "Camp Stanley really is a better place because of all the people who volunteer their time here."

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Col. Ross Ridge, Division Artillery commander, gives remarks at the Army Community Service birthday celebration July 21 at Camp Stanley.

501st Corps Support Group welcomes leader

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The 501st Corps Support Group changed leadership July 23 in ceremonies at Camp Casey.

Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, 19th Theater Support Command commanding general, presented the unit colors to Col. Jayne Carson.

"Colonel Carson has a rich background as a tactical-level logistician," Edmunds told the assembled Soldiers and civilians. "Best of luck to you, Colonel Carson, as you take the mantle of leadership of this great organization, Team 19," she said.

"I'm excited about the challenges ahead," Carson said. "To these Soldiers I say, you can, and you should, expect a lot from me, for I expect a lot from you. We will maintain our equipment, and ourselves, in a state of 'fight tonight' readiness. We will live the Warrior ethos, and the Army values will be evident in all of our actions. We will march together, this impressive unit and I, to ever-greater heights, never failing our commanders, our units or our nation," she said.

Carson is no stranger to the 19th Theater Support Command, having served her last assignment as the support operations officer.

Edmunds lauded out-going commander, Col. Bette Washington, for



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Col. Jayne Carson accepts the colors and leadership July 23 of the 501st Corps Support Group from Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds in a ceremony at Camp Casey's Helipad 221.

her accomplishments. She said, "Colonel Washington has spent the last two years fully committed to the idea of service to professionals and making every one of her Soldiers champions, and champions they've been."

Edmunds cited winning consecutive Department of the Army supply excellence awards, the Connelly award for active Army field kitchen, and the smooth execution of the Reception, Staging, Onward movement and

Integration exercise, as well as support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the deployment of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, as examples of the champions' successes under Washington's command.

Washington departs Korea to become the chief of plans and policies, Logistics Division, J4, Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

"Colonel Carson, I am envious of you and know that you will have a great time in command," Washington said.

Korean Service Corps celebrates organization



PHOTOS BY DAVID McNALLY

Korean Service Corps employee Yu Sung-u (right) gives extra effort during a tug-of-war competition July 23 at Camp Red Cloud. Employees gathered to celebrate the 54th birthday of the KSC.



Steve Saxby (right) and William Fitzgerald enjoy the barbecue lunch to honor the Korean Service Corps.



Yi Se-ho (right) pulls with his fellow team members during the tug-of-war.



Kim Sin-yong helps prepare lunch for the nearly 200 15th Korean Service Corps Company employees and community members who met at the Camp Red Cloud Pavilion July 23. The KSC is a paramilitary organization with members working side-by-side with the U.S. Army.

Soldiers host fun day for local children

Story by Capt. Stacy Picard

Detachment A, 509th Personnel Services Battalion

CAMP CASEY — Soldiers from Camp Casey's 509th Personnel Services Battalion hosted a fun day party June 29 for 21 children from a local orphanage.

"The children truly cherish each visit," said Ji Hyun-kyung, My Home Orphanage caretaker. "They play with them, teach them words in English, and read stories to the children."

Ji said the Soldiers visit with the children every week.

Sgt. Tiffany Caffee, Detachment A, 509th Personnel Services Battalion, is one of the volunteers who organized the event for the children. After receiving approval to host the event from the installation commander, she used equipment from the Camp Casey Morale, Welfare, and Recreation office. Volunteers then signed up to participate.

"I believe the children really enjoyed themselves and realized we do care about them and we aren't just here to teach them English," Caffee said. "They loved the fact they were able to run around and play freely. There was plenty to eat and drink, and a variety of events."

The day's event was one of many to come, said Command Sgt. Maj. James Murray, 509th Personnel



Sgt. Mario Gutierrez, Detachment A, 509th Personnel Services Battalion, entertains local children June 29 during a fun day event at Camp Casey.

Services Battalion. He said the unit plans to host a bowling party and other holiday celebrations for the children in the future.

"These types of events allow Soldiers to give back, and to do something positive while in Korea," Murray said.

"I'm proud to see the Soldiers of 509th Personnel Services Battalion take an interest in serving the local community, said Lt. Col. Alan R. Bernard, the unit commander. "Today's fun day was completely staffed

by volunteers who want to bring some happiness to the children."

Bernard said this unit has established a strong relationship with the orphanage.

"I will continue to encourage that relationship throughout my command," he said.

"I believe Soldiers can gain a sense of pride in themselves by knowing they were able to help a child," said Pfc. Marcus Collier, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 509th Personnel Services Battalion "They also gain the experience of working with children. Soldiers also learn some of the Hangul, and some of the Korean culture."

At the end of the day, the children were treated with ice cream cake to celebrate the birthdays of those born in June. The children sang 'happy birthday in both English and their native language, Hangul.

"As Soldiers here for a year, we can do more than just go out, drink and party," Collier said. "We can donate money to help the children at the orphanage."

But, Collier said more than money, Soldiers can give their time.

"I am sure there are many other places that could use our support, so why not help?" he asked.

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Officials inspect treatment plant

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CAMP RED CLOUD — Flush it. Dump it. Pour it down the drain. All that “stuff” known as wastewater is an important byproduct of installations.

Wastewater-treatment plants are designed to treat household sewage and governmental waste all day, every day. Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, saw this first-hand July 12 when he toured the Uijeongbu Wastewater Treatment and Incinerator Plant. The plant handles waste from six camps in Area I: Camps Red Cloud, Essayons, Sears, Kyle, LaGuardia, and Jackson at a cost of more than \$1 million a year.

“Wastewater is used water,” said Yi Young-ho, director of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. “It includes substances such as human waste, food scraps, oils, soaps and chemicals. It also includes water from sinks, showers, bathtubs, toilets, washing machines and dishwashers.”

In addition to treating the water, plant operators conduct up to thousands of water-quality monitoring tests during the course of a year.

“Effective wastewater treatment is critical to the quality of life and the physical health of Area I Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians and their families,” Christiansen said. “The goal is to produce a stream of water that is safe to return to the environment.”

The plant operates every day, around the clock. The staff is specially trained to manage, monitor and adjust the treatment process. Operators increasingly rely on computers to help monitor equipment, store the results of sampling, make process-control decisions, schedule and record maintenance activities, and produce reports. When equipment malfunctions,

operators also use computers to determine the cause of the malfunction and seek its solution.

“Dozens of pump stations and miles of sewer lines are part of the system that brings wastewater to the facility 24 hours a day,” Yi said.

The plant has a two-phase treatment process. In the primary phase, large debris is screened out. Grease, oil and floatable solids are skimmed off. Solids that could settle are collected and thickened before further treatment. In the secondary phase, naturally occurring microorganisms feed on organic pollutants in the wastewater and the resulting residue is separated.

According to Yi, the treated wastewater, called effluent, is discharged into the Han River, sent on barges to the ocean, or gets disinfected. The need to provide disinfection depends on the uses of the receiving water.

Christiansen then traveled to Camp Stanley for a tour of its water treatment facility. Military bases operate their own water treatment plants when public facilities cannot be used. These plants provide drinking water and safely dispose of sewage.

Operators work one of three eight-hour shifts, including weekends and holidays. The specific duties of plant operators depend on the type and size of plant. In smaller plants, one operator may control all of the machinery, perform tests, keep records, handle complaints, and perform repairs and maintenance.

“Today’s visits to the wastewater treatment plants gave me the assurance that everything is being done properly,” Christiansen said. “I remain confident that the water we drink everyday is safe for our community and the environment.”

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Facility

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King said when he was stationed at Camp Casey 15 years ago there was a satellite facility at Camp Stanley.

“No one was using it,” King said. “They averaged about five customers a week, so the decision was made to close it.”

Officials said they will monitor the facility.

“It is important for Soldiers to know

they should use the facility,” King said. “A lot of work and time has been committed to make their quality of life better.”

The facility started with 39 commonly issued military items with plans to expand the inventory by the end of the year.

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Staff Sgt. Stephanie Battle, noncommissioned officer in charge of the new Camp Stanley Central Issue Facility satellite office, explains plans to expand turn-in capabilities by the end of the year.



PHOTO BY DAVID MCNALLY

Sorting through the facts: Understanding VA, TRICARE healthcare benefits while living in Korea



Story by Alex Harrington
Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Some service-members may never fully appreciate the depth of experience that boot camp brings to servicemembers. Movies like “Full Metal Jacket”, “Private Benjamin”, and “Officer and a Gentleman” provide a general sense of the tremendous impact of the rigors of physical training can have on troops. This impact also can profoundly disrupt one’s physical and emotional senses in different and, sometimes, lasting ways.

Both the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs have developed comprehensive medical benefit programs that are tailored to specific needs of active-duty servicemembers, retirees, and veterans who have endured the physical rigors of military training, and

for some, sustained permanent physical and emotional disabilities.

While living in Korea, many of these active-duty servicemembers, retirees, and veterans with service-connected disabilities may have wondered what type of medical benefits they are entitled to, how to file a claim, and where Korean hospitals that provides adequate healthcare are.

With the assistance of government representatives, active-duty and veterans can receive comprehensive medical care and assistance in filing their medical claims for reimbursement.

TRICARE for active-duty

DOD provides free or subsidized medical care through TRICARE, a health care program for active duty and retired military personnel, their families and their survivors.

In an interview last week, So Young Harleston, a marketing specialist for TRICARE at 18th Medical Command, said all active-duty who reside in Korea must be enrolled in TRICARE Prime Pacific, which is mandatory regardless of marital status. However, she added, active-duty family members have two options—TRICARE Prime Pacific and TRICARE Standard, and she emphasized that all

family members in Korea, with their sponsors, enroll in Tricare Prime Pacific.

According to an article by Rod Powers, “Understanding Military Medical Care”, TRICARE Prime is kind of like an HMO concept, and requires that one specifically enroll in the program. Individuals enrolled in TRICARE Prime are assigned to a primary care manager, which is the 18th MEDCOM at 121st General Hospital, located at Yongsan Garrison. In order to receive specialist care, they must be referred by their PCM. Under this program, there is no enrollment fee or cost-sharing for active-duty servicemembers and family members of active duty.

TRICARE for retirees

Retirees under age 65 and family members of retirees under age 65 living in Korea use TRICARE Standard in all overseas locations, except for Hawaii, said Harleston.

TRICARE Standard, according to a TRICARE Pacific publication, is only available in Pacific countries outside Hawaii. However, in Guam, Japan, Korea, to include Hawaii, retirees may seek space available care in a military treatment facility, like the 121st Hospital.

“I find it very easy to use 121st Hospital

when seeking medical treatment,” said Gerald T. Casey Jr., a 20-year U.S. Army veteran. “I walk in and show them my identification card and receive proper medical attention.”

While active-duty and retirees and their family members in the Republic of Korea receive health care from the 18th MEDCOM, there are times it cannot deliver the full scope of specialty and sub-specialty services sometimes required of patients.

To provide these medical services, the 18th MEDCOM has established formal affiliations, called Memoranda of Understanding, with nine Korean hospitals across the peninsula.

Active-duty and their family do not have to pay out of pocket under TRICARE Prime Pacific, said Harleston. As long as their care is covered under DOD regulations, TRICARE will coordinate with the Korean hospital so that the patient will not have to pay up front, she said.

The only time an active-duty servicemember will have to pay, adds Harleston, is when they seek medical care at a Korean hospital that does not fall under MOU. Under Korean law the patient must pay before being released.

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USO commemorates KATUSA, U.S. Soldiers

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YONGSAN – United Service Organizations-Korea hosted a dinner to honor Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army and U.S. Soldiers who gave up their Saturdays to teach school-aged Korean children. The dinner was held July 19 at Dragon Hill Lodge.

By participating in the virtues program Soldiers have an opportunity to educate children. They also help build positive host-nation relations through strengthening the bond of friendship between Koreans and Americans.

More than 100 KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers volunteer to teach English as a Second Language in 11 schools and one library to more than 3,000 school-aged Korean children every Saturday morning.

Maj. Gen. George Higgins, 8th Army assistant chief of staff for Operations, conveyed his gratitude to the KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers, and also to the Korean school officials, for making a difference in children’s lives.

“So tonight we extend to both Korean teachers and principals and American servicemen and women...and the wonderful KATUSA Soldiers...our profound thanks

for making a difference in ways that none of us can fully calculate or appreciate at this point in our lives,” said Higgins.

Higgins emphasized that the KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers exemplified what the true essence of the USO Virtues program.

“Your service in reflecting the light of the virtues for young Koreans is itself and exemplification of a virtuous life, and serves as an inspiration for me and others for the commitment you made,” he said.

The USO Virtues Development Program, which began in spring 2003, was established to support Gen. Leon LaPorte’s “Good Neighbor Program”.

“The virtues program pairs KATUSAs and U.S. servicemembers in Korean elementary schools to teach English to children,” said Stan Perry, director of USO-Korea. “The program is an English-as-a-Second-language curriculum based on the virtues



Lt. Col. Kevin Foster, commander of 41st Signal Battalion, talks to teachers from the Gusan Elementary School while they are waiting for the dinner.

project concept, which not only teaches the English language, but also seeks to instill universal virtues in all people.

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National Kids' Day

Area II will celebrate National Kids' Day 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday at the Seoul American Elementary School. For more information, call 738-5556.

Women's Summer Bible Study and Fellowship

Protestant Women of the Chapel and Military Council of Catholic Women gather for worship, bible study and fellowship 9 - 11 a.m. Wednesday at South Post Chapel. For more information, call 796-5982.

Radio Town Hall

The Area II radio town hall meeting will be broadcast live 9 - 10 a.m. Aug. 13 from Army Community Service, Building 4106, Room 118. For more information, call 738-5017.

American Forces Spouses' Club

The American Forces Spouses' Club is seeking organizations or clubs who would be interested in setting up an information tables at its annual welcome and sign-up reception. The welcome and sign-up reception will be 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call 736-8119.

SAES Registration

The main office at Seoul American Elementary School is open for kindergarten through fifth-grade registration. For those just moved to Seoul and are command sponsored or who missed reregistration, come to Army Community Service, Building 4106, Room 121. For more information, call 736-4478.

SNGC Nominations

Sung Nam Golf Club is seeking nominations for six members at-large. Candidates must be advanced green fee members. Nominations are open to active-duty, Department of Defense civilians or family members. Submit a short profile - name, membership number, contact information and a short statement explaining the reasons for wanting to serve on the council. For more information, call 738-7446.

Commander's Hotline

The Commander's Hotline e-mail address is areaiitownhall@korea.army.mil. For more information, call 738-5017.

Korea Theater Support Center

Korea theater support center is available. Dial 8324 for e-mail problems, GCCS-A trouble and Internet issues. It is not necessary to dial any prefixes.

ACAP Briefings

Army Career and Alumni Program briefings usually last about one-half hour. Briefings are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other times and dates can be arranged. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call 738-7322.

Language Classes

■ An English as a second language class meets 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Building 4106, Room 124.

■ Korean language classes meet 10 - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - noon, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Building 4106, Room 124. Classes are open to all ID card holders, to register, call 738-7505.

Hit, run, and cheers



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK, YUNG-KWI



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Left: About 30 children from the Yongsan Youth Baseball Team and their family members cheer at Doosan Bears' baseball game at Jamsil Baseball Stadium July 25. Right: The 8th Army Marching Band performed at the stadium as the part of the summer festival.

Area II creates used car lot for USFK residents

Story by Alex Harrington

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN—Since May, Area II has been operating a used car lot for United States Forces Korea residents to sell or buy used vehicles, which is located just up the hill from the new car lot.

The used lot—across from main post's Community Bank—was created to stop people from taking prized post parking spaces to park their vehicle for extended periods of time.

"I have designated the upper level parking lot on the west side of and adjacent to the (Yongsan Post Exchange) as the official used car lot for personnel wanting to sell their POV," said Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, Area II Support Activity, and added "due to the high number of personnel PCSing from Korea, especially now during the summer months, there will be many vehicles being sold."

McNulty indicated that sellers will be able to park their car in a highly trafficked area and potential buyers will have a one-stop location to test drive a vehicle prior to purchase.

Personnel placing their vehicle for sale will not be allowed to park elsewhere on Yongsan Garrison, emphasized McNulty.

"If someone is planning to sell their vehicle, they need to come to the Law and Order office and pick up a form authorizing them to park their vehicle in the designated lot," said Ricky Oxendine, Area II Law and Order Office.

Area II created the used car lot because many USFK personnel are parking their POVs in a variety of locations on post—e.g., Main PX parking lot, near Burger King and Popeye's on South Post.

"This parking lot will be limited for parking of used cars for sale only for a two-week period of time," said Oxendine, "other vehicles parking in this lot will be towed, if they do not have the authorized form on their dashboard," he said. "Any vehicle left in the lot beyond 30 days will be declared 'abandoned' and disposed of at owner's expense."

Autos not sold may be disposed of as explained in an article that appeared in The Morning Calm Weekly newspaper on May 14.

POV owners may call the Law and Order office at 738-4603 for additional information and to obtain the form to place on their auto dashboard permitting them to park their vehicle at this reserved parking location.

TRICARE

TRICARE for Life

Until 2001, when a retiree or retiree family member reached the age of 65, they were no longer eligible for TRICARE. Instead, they were expected to receive medical care under the provisions of Medicare. This changed when DOD introduced "TRICARE for Life."

Although Medicare doesn't cover services provided outside of the continental United States, retirees residing in foreign countries can still take advantage of TFL because TRICARE becomes the primary source of health benefits for them, according to "TRICARE Your Military Health Plan." Like those living in the United States, to be eligible overseas, retirees must be enrolled in Medicare Part B.

Harleston said that TRICARE Standard coverage stops at age 65 for military retirees living overseas, unless they purchase Medicare Part B.

"However," Harleston added, "since Medicare doesn't cover overseas, TRICARE Standard will be the primary payer to those who have Medicare Part B."

VA healthcare for veterans living in Korea

For veterans with a service-connected disability, the Department of Veteran's Affairs has developed a comprehensive medical benefit program that is tailored to them, especially for disabled veterans living overseas.

"Under the VA's Foreign Medical Program, a veteran living in Korea can obtain healthcare

services for a service-connected disability," said Erica Worthington, supervisor at the VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge center in Yongsan.

Best way for a veteran to register with FMP is as soon as they arrive to Korea, said Worthington. However, if treatment is required before registering with FMP the veteran should obtain medical treatment and then file through the program.

A veteran can file the claim for payment through FMP or have their medical provider file the paperwork.

"We do assist veterans who are VA rated service-connected with the application process for the FMP," said Worthington.

Under the Veteran's Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 veterans with a service-connected disability can receive comprehensive healthcare services in the United States. However, eligibility requirements for medical services are different for veterans outside the United States than the eligibility requirements within the states, noted Worthington.

"VA may authorize foreign medical services for veterans only for a VA rated service-connected condition or for a condition that is associated with and aggravated by a VA rated service-connected condition," she said.

The question remains of where can veterans with a service connected disability receive health care services in Korea.

The 18th MEDCOM is the sole primary care provider for the Area II community. It primarily provides healthcare services to active-

duty and their families, including retirees and their families.

Worthington said those veterans with service-connected disabilities can check with the 18th MEDCOM for healthcare treatment. However, she continued, they may select providers of their choice outside the Korean economy.

Payment under the FMP

Under FMP, VA assumes payment responsibility for certain necessary medical services associated with the treatment of those service-connected conditions.

Veterans who received medical treatment can submit their claims for payment or have their provider process the claim.

"The veteran should check with the hospital regarding payment for services," said Worthington. Although, she added, no specific claim form is required, but veterans must include detailed information, like their full name, U.S. Social Security Number, VA Claim number and a narrative description of each service.

Understanding VA and TRICARE healthcare can be overwhelming. For more information about TRICARE benefits, call 736-6921, 736-7236 or 736-8558.

For more information about the Foreign Medical Program, call 738-5121.

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For more information, call the Seoul USO office at 02-792-3380.

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- Tongyoung and Kojedo Tour – Saturday and Sunday
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- Triple Treat Tour : Olympic Park, Han River Cruise and The DLI 63 Building – 1:30 - 8:30 p.m. Aug. 14

Call 02-763-9483 for more information about Royal Asiatic Society events.

Entertainment

- The musical Beauty and the Beast will be performed at the LG Arts Center 8 p.m. Monday - Friday; 3 p.m., 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Sunday; open run - Aug. 8. For more information, call 02-2005-0114.
- Ice ballet Nutcracker will perform at the Sejong Center Monday and Tuesday 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Saturday - Aug. 3. For more information, call 02-3472-4480.

Couple volunteers time teaching English to local Koreans

Story by Chief Warrant Officer Teddy Datuin

1st Signal Brigade

YONGSAN — Every Saturday morning Eddie and Sandy Flint, a married couple from Sacramento, Calif., teach English to a group of Korean mothers at the Korean Community Center, just outside South Post.

Both Eddie and Sandy, who have been here in Korea for nearly three months, said they enjoy teaching English to the group of Korean mothers.

“How can you not have fun and enjoy when you have a group of nice ladies, who are very interested in learning English,” said Eddie, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “Everyone in class enjoys it so much that we always end up spending extra time.”

Soon after they arrived to Korea, Eddie and Sandy

started to volunteer teach after they were invited to the Korean Community Center.

The “Saturday English Class Program”, which is comprised of Americans and Korean university staff and students is sponsored by the city government of Seoul, said Michael Lee, one of the organizers of this program.

“Getting to know these wonderful Korean women is yet another of the many positive experiences I’ve encountered so far in my short time in Korea,” said Sandy. “And anything I can contribute to enhancing their English skills is icing on the cake.”

The “Saturday English Class Program” is held every Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. For more information call DSN 724-8556.

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Eddie Flint, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Yongsan, teaches a group of Korean mothers basic English skills in speaking and writing.

Education center puts money in servicemember's pockets

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U.S. Naval Forces Korea

YONGSAN — U.S. Forces Korea servicemembers have more than 150 tests they can use to earn college credits without spending time in a classroom.

There are three testing programs available to servicemembers at the Yongsan Education Center: The College Level Examination Program, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, and Excelsior College Examinations.

Though many colleges, universities and trade schools recognize award credits, it's important to know first which tests meet your education needs before beginning.

"Students interested in these tests need to know they are similar in format, but each is intended for a different degree of education. A prospective student must first know what type of test they need: are they trying to finish their core requirements or basic classes like English 101, or do they need upper-level credits that will be applied toward a Bachelor's Degree? CLEP examinations focus on core requirements versus the DANTE

and ECE that focus on upper level credits," said Tami Wahl, educational counselor at Navy Education Center Yokosuka.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Gary Long used six CLEP tests to complete his associate's degree and plans on using others to help him earn his bachelor's. He says that in addition to being time savers they are also affordable.

"It's free, that's the number one reason. The number two reason is that it is a time saver; if you already know the subject, why spend unnecessary time in the classroom for 12 to 15 weeks. Take the exam and move on to the next subject on your list," Long said.

Wahl advises prospective students see a center advisor regarding their educational path. An education advisor will discuss goals and can make an unofficial evaluation based on past credits and military experience.

"The advisor will review your military experience and any previous college transcripts and give the student feedback on what credits are accepted. The advisor can determine if you need to work on the core requirements, upper level classes or if a certificate will meet their career goals," Wahl said.

Like other nontraditional education tracks, earning a degree outside the classroom is not for everybody. Students might find that the lack of structure doesn't work for them.

"Absolutely, self-motivation is a key player in the student's success. A student has to be dedicated and motivated. They have to be focused and continually setting goals," Wahl said.

Still, those who are interested shouldn't be intimidated by the fact that there is no classroom or teacher handy, according to Long, getting started is the hardest part.

"The most difficult part of taking the test is going over there and reserving the test. The testing portion will be easier than you think," Long said.

In addition to the educational center, which is a resource for planning and finding a school and program that will meet your educational goals, the library also offers resources for people who want to study for examinations.

"Go to the library and check out the DANTE or the CLEP study guides and use the practice exams in the guide. You also have the options to go to various web sites and take practice exams online. The library also has videotapes of classroom lectures

for viewing," Long said.

Also, check with a counselor and find out what credits are needed before beginning, and learn more about the testing procedures and the type of test to be taken.

"Look at the requirements for each college that offers the degree you're looking for to complete the degree of choice. List the remaining subjects you need to be complete. Then start with the ones you are most confident with for testing. The majority of the tests are written and some are administered on the computer. The best thing to do is research the test you want to take and know ahead of time, which will be given. Then practice with that type of test," Long said.

Education is important to servicemembers who want to stay in the service or are making plans to take a job outside the military.

"The one reason I would suggest continuing an education through the college levels is for your own personnel quality of life," said Long.

Everyone wants more out of life, which usually involves more funds, and a higher education usually means a larger paycheck," Long added.

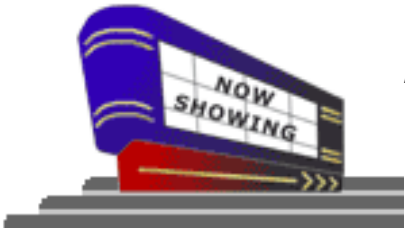
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Location Phone No.	July 30	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
Casey 730-7354	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	Anchorman	Anchorman	Raising Helen	Rasing Helen	The Stepford Wives
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Van Helsing	No Show	New York Minute	The Note Book	No Show	Laws of Attraction
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Spider Man 2	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire	Van Helsing	No Show	Van Helsing
Greaves 734-8388	Spider Man 2	Van Helsing	The Note Book	No Show	No Show	New York Minute	Mean Girls
Henry 768-7724	Troy	Shrek 2	The Terminal	Breakin' all the Rules	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Anchorman	Shrek 2	Shrek 2	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	Raising Helen	Raising Helen
Hialeah 763-370	Spider Man 2	Van Helsing	Man on Fire	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Raising Helen	Anchorman	Troy	Troy	Spider Man 2	Breakin' all the Rules	Godsend
Howze 734-5689	Laws of Attraction	13 Going on 30	Man on Fire	No Show	No Show	No Show	Spider Man 2

I, Robot



In the year 2035, robots are an everyday item and have become more and more advanced, but each one is preprogrammed to always obey humans and to, under no circumstances, ever harm a human, and everyone trusts them, except Del

Spoooner. Del is one, slightly paranoid detective investigating what he alone believes is a crime perpetrated by a robot. The case leads him to discover a far more frightening threat to the human race.

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Raising Helen



Helen is living the life she always dreamed of. Her career is on the rise; she spends her days at fashion shows and nights at the hottest clubs. But her carefree lifestyle comes to a screeching halt when her sister and brother-in-law are killed

in a car crash, leaving her to care for their three kids.
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Location Phone No.	July 30	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
Kunsan 782-4987	Godsend	The Terminal	Dodgeball	No Show	Dodgeball	The Notebook	The Notebook
Long 721-3407	Garfield	No Show	13 Going on 30	Laws of Attraction	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	I, Robot	Shrek 2	Shrek 2	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	Raising Helen	Raising Helen
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Anchorman	Shrek 2	Troy	Breakin' all the Rules	Godsend	No Show	Anchorman
Stanley 732-5565	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	Godsend	Godsend	No Show	Anchorman	Breakin' all the Rules
Yongsan I 738-7389	I, Robot	I, Robot	I, Robot	Shrek 2	Shrek 2	Raising Helen	Raising Helen
Yongsan II 738-7389	I, Robot	I, Robot	Johnson Family Vacation	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow
Yongsan III 738-7389	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	13 Going on 30	13 Going on 30	Lilo and Stitch	New York Minute

Chaplain's corner: 'Troubled bones' heal

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tom Drake
Area II Staff Chaplain

YONGSAN — Many people suffer from the affects of arthritis and joint inflammation. When the weather changes, they are usually first to announce that a storm is coming.

One of our older gentlemen in our community, a 70 year-old retiree, commented after a recent worship service that we would soon have a severe rainstorm.

We were on our way to a meeting when he said, “I can’t say exactly when, but some time in the next hour, we’re going to have a bad storm. I

feel it in my bones, so you better make sure your car windows are rolled up!”

It was amazing how accurate he was. Just as the meeting concluded, the storm arrived with powerful flashes of lightening and peals of thunder. Heavy rain pelted down on us as we rushed to our vehicles. He was right!

Of course, I never doubt it when people tell me this. Their aching bones give signs of experience.

When David says, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled.” (Psalm 6:2), he suggests that the extent of the aching is not just because of old age.

Years of torment and grief caused by other people caused his spirit to become very sensitive to the dissention and strife at the royal court and keen even to the intrigues that might have even cost him his life.

God gives us that sensitivity, at times, to warn us of danger; a perception to aid us in our refuge to him. At other times, we may be troubled in our bones because of memory of past sins.

Even though we know we have been forgiven, the consequences and reminders of our sinful actions through out life take their toll upon our spirit.

In David’s old age, he was likely

plagued with the memory of what he had done to Uriah, and with Bathsheba, and bitter memories haunted his mind concerning his children.

Nevertheless, David is confident of God’s love and concern for him as he says, “For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord has heard my supplication; The Lord will receive my prayer.” vv. 8-9.

Are you “troubled in your bones” today? If you are, take comfort in God’s forgiveness. May those troubled bones remind you never to stray away from the fellowship of God. Have a blessed day!

Area II Worship Services

Protestant			
Contemporary	Sunday	10 a.m.	Multipurpose Training Facility
Episcopal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Chruch of Christ	Sunday	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel
United Pentecostal	Sunday	1 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church International			
Collective	Sunday	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
		10 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
		Noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
		10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel

Collective	Sunday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
		1 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Korean	Tuesday	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
KCFA	2nd Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	3rd Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel

Catholic

Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11:30 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		7 p.m.	South Post Chapel
	Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel

Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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Jewish

	Friday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
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*There are many things servicemembers
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Visit China

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Story, photos by Master Sgt.
Kimberly Williams
19th Theater Support Command

The Great Wall. Forbidden City. Ming Tombs. Summer Palace.

All of these places bring to mind exotic images of China – images that most of us have only seen in history books or on television.

For anyone stationed or living in Korea, however, China is no longer an inaccessible dream. A flight from Seoul to Beijing is less than three hours, and there are many affordable packages from both on- and off-post travel agencies.

The travel agencies located on most installations offer a four-day, three-night trip that coincides with the four-day weekends on federal holidays. The prices are generally less than \$600 a person and include all transportation, lodging at four-star hotels, English-speaking tour guides, entry fees to

attractions and meals.

While this tour is only to Beijing and the groups can be quite large, it is an excellent introduction to China at an unbeatable price.

“It was outstanding,” said Capt. Sean Higgins, 19th Theater Support Command, who went to China in May. “Everything was taken care of.”

The tour guide, a former teacher, spoke excellent English and was able to give the group the whole history of China, Higgins said.

“The trip is really jam-packed,” he said. “But, there was enough time at each site.”

For those wanting more from their China adventure, travel agencies offer specialized tours, which include adding side trips to Guilin, Xian and Shanghai. These tours offer the same benefits as the group tours,

as far as transportation, lodging and meals.

However, the specialized tours can be arranged for as few as two people, with a dedicated tour guide, driver and vehicle, allowing for a more personal trip.

These benefits do come at a cost, though. Personalized tours can easily double the cost of the group tours. But, the increased cost does include the round-trip flight to the other cities (often a longer flight than from Seoul to Beijing), where another private tour guide and driver will be waiting for you.

“I thought the private tour was great,”

said Robert Williams, family member, who took a five-day tour to Beijing and Guilin in May. “It gave us a more intimate look at each site, because we were able to get more detailed descriptions of what we were interested in and could get all of our questions answered.”

When planning which trip you want to take, you need to take age and health into consideration. These tours are extremely fast paced; they often have to pack more than 3,000 years of history into four days!

You can expect to leave the hotel between 7 and 8 a.m. and not return until 9 or 10 p.m. every day. Often, the only rest is the drive between attractions. The group tours, especially, may be too much for young children.

The following are some of the highlights you can expect to see on any tour to Beijing.

The Great Wall. More than 2,000 years old and 5,000 kilometers long, the Great Wall is the most enduring symbol of China. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes, as it is a very steep climb up uneven, stone steps. But, the view and overwhelming sense of history more than make up for any “pain” suffered in the climb.

Tian-anmen Square. For westerners, this is best known as the location of the infamous student protests. For the Chinese, it is the largest square in the world and site to many celebrations and military reviews. When seen in person, it is not as impressive as you might think, but it is still well worth the visit to see where history took place.

Forbidden City. Movies like “The Last Emperor” and “Mulan” have made images of this location famous. The Forbidden City, home of the emperors, got its name because it was forbidden for any commoner to ever enter.

Inside of the enormous stone walls, lies an entire city that was dedicated to serving the emperor. You could spend hours here and only see a fraction of what’s inside.

Temple of Heaven. This beautiful temple, originally built in 1420, is where emperors offered sacrifices to Heaven, and prayed for rain and a good harvest.

Ming Tombs. This site is home to 13 mausoleums of Chinese emperors from the Ming Dynasty.

Summer Palace. This palace, built around a lake, was the perfect escape from the summer heat for many emperors. Like the Forbidden City, you could spend hours enjoying all of the building and sights on the grounds here.

Chinese Circus Show. Most tours include a Chinese Circus Show. These shows are an amazing spectacle of acrobatics and magic that all ages will enjoy.

If you decide to add on to the basic tour, here are three top choices:

Guilin. This city is the home base for the Li River cruise. The only way to truly see the breathtaking scenery, which is famous for its cone-shaped mountains, is a four- to five-hour cruise along the river, which includes a meal on the ship.

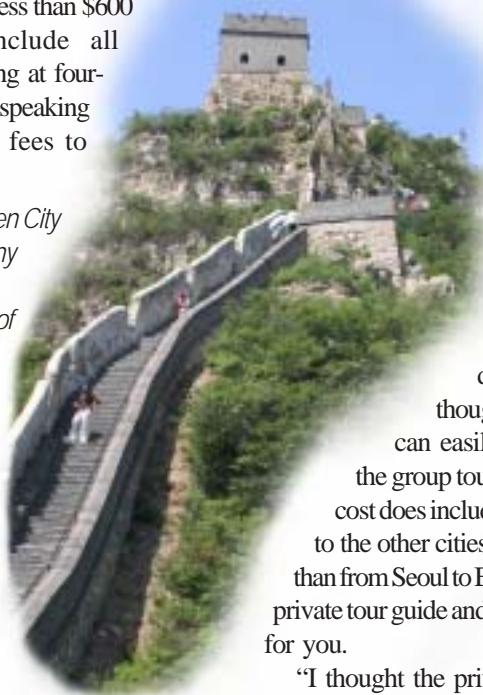
Xian. In 1974, an emperor’s undisturbed mausoleum was discovered here. The main attraction is the thousands of life-sized terra cotta warriors and horses that were buried with the emperor.

Even though it is very close geographically to Korea, the culture and sights in China are incredibly unique. So, whether you decide on a four-day group tour or a seven-day private tour, a trip to China is well worth the time and money.

Chinese tourism information found on www.chinatravelguide.com.

Above - The Forbidden City was the home to many emperors in China. Covering thousands of acres, this palace was a self-sufficient city built to serve one man, the emperor.

Below - Juyong Pass, a section of the Great Wall, is only a one-hour drive from Beijing.





Weight Loss Support Group

Yongsan Weight Support Group is now accepting new members. The group is a free weight loss support group offering exercise and workout options, healthy eating support and weight loss support.

E-mail nannyhere@yahoo.com or call 011-9699-7064 for membership information.

Yongsan Batting Cage Championships

Now is the time for softball players to hone their batting skills at the Family Fun Park Batting Cages. Cash prizes will be offered to first and second place male and female batting champions in youth and adult divisions. The concept is simple. Just visit the batting cages between now and the Aug. 28 championships to practice hitting targets on the fence. For more information, call 738-4190.

Auto Show

The Yongsan Auto Crafts Center will conduct an Auto Show on Sept. 18. The show will feature a variety of cars competing for bragging rights and cash prizes in the categories of best paint, interior, engine compartment and best overall. This event will feature lots of food, music, prize drawings and vendors. Participants from all over the peninsula are invited to bring their car and compete. For more information, call 738-5315 or 738-5419.

Deployment Block Party

MWR is sponsoring a farewell party for those in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team who are deploying to Iraq. The block party will be at Casey Golf Course parking lot with live entertainment, blow-up games and food. Performers include Pat Ferrari, Polatyk, Amber and Colt Prather. A fireworks display is scheduled 9 p.m.

All You Can Eat Buffet

Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's All-U-Can-Eat-Lunch Buffet is available 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on weekdays. For more information call 732-8189. Monday — Italian buffet, Tuesday — Barbecue ribs, Wednesday — Oriental buffet, Thursday — Mexican buffet Friday — Variety buffet

Photo contest accepting entries

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Arts and crafts centers in Korea are accepting entries for the 2004 Army Photography Contest. The entry deadline is Sept. 30.

This year's competition classes are black and white prints, color prints and short films. Color slide entries were eliminated by the U.S. Army Community and Family support center, proponent of the contest.

Entries in the black and white print and color print classes will be judged in five categories. Contestants must select people, place, thing, military life or experimental categories when completing the official entry form, which must be attached to each entry. Patrons may enter up to five prints per category in this year's contest.

Short film submissions may be made on 8 mm or 16 mm film, half-inch VHS tape, or on CD or DVD.

All authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons are eligible to enter. Competition will be divided between active-duty participants and other eligible entrants such as civilian employees and family members.

Winners in the Installation Management Agency-Korea Region judging will be announced at an awards ceremony scheduled Oct. 12.

Last year's winner was Col. Charles T. Sniffin, who won best of show with "Dropping By." The amateur photographer was one of more than 170 U.S. Forces Korea members who submitted photos for judging in the contest.

Judging of the Army-level contest will be held in late November. Results will be announced in December.



PHOTO BY COL. CHARLES T. SNIFFIN
"Dropping By" won the 2003 Korea Region Photo Contest. It placed above 170 other contributors in the competition.

Arts and crafts centers and community recreation centers have complete information on entry procedures and official entry forms. Call 723-8510 for more information.

Code of Conduct Guided U.S. POWs in Iraq

Story by Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A former Army prisoner of war who spent 21 days captive in Iraq before his rescue said the Code of Conduct provided the moral compass he and his fellow prisoners needed to get them through the ordeal.

Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dave Williams, whose AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter was shot down over Iraq in March 2003, said knowledge of the code helped him keep faith through loneliness — which he said

"damned near killed me" — and provide leadership for six other U.S. prisoners of war.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower introduced the Code of Conduct in 1955, partly in response to the North Koreans' use of prisoners for political propaganda during the Korean War.

Bracich said the code's six articles outline the obligations and responsibilities of U.S. service members in harm's way:

■ To defend the United States and its way of life,

■ To avoid surrender and to evade capture at any cost short of death,

■ To reject favors from the enemy,

■ To help fellow prisoners stay alive,

■ To avoid collaborating with the enemy,

■ To avoid statements or writing that discredit the United States or its allies,

■ To maintain personal responsibility for all actions, and

■ To trust the U.S. government to care for your loved ones and work toward your release.

Sunday brunch

From left, Sergeant 1st Class Alvin Morris, Staff Sgt. Ebony McKinney and 2nd Lt. Michael Golibersuch, all from the 4th Chemical Company, enjoy brunch at Camp Casey's Warrior Club.

The club now offers Sunday brunch. The champagne brunch served in buffet-style offers 11 stations, which includes 22 items.

Those interested in visiting the Warrior's Club for the champagne Sunday brunch may call 730-2195 for more information. Brunch is served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

“Hey, DB, you swing that bat and hit that ball; you swing that bat and BUST that ball”
 – Team chant for batter Coretta Doshbritton



Yang Mi-ran from Pyeongtaek’s Go Deok team slams the ball.



Wanita Evelyn, center, and other members of the Area III women’s softball team greet Korean players July 17 at Camp Humphreys. The Area III women played two Korean women’s teams from Pyeongtaek.

When monsoon rains stopped falling, out came balls and bats wielded by

The Girls of Summer

Story, photos by Steve Davis
 Area III Public Affairs Office

Following a turbulent week with more than 11 inches of monsoon rain, the Camp Humphreys women’s softball team was ready to play ball.

After shaking hands with their worthy Korean opponents from Pyeongtaek July 21 at Soldiers Field, they took to the turf swinging and chanting.

With colorful nicknames like Eunice “Stitch” Rosario, Keely “Hoover” Winn, Britney “Lucky” Sutton, Kimberly “Nemo” Daily,” “Sweet Lady” Stacy Beverly, Angela “High Speed” Roberts and Jennifer “Mac Attack” McIntosh, the team also had a high energy level as they took cues from coach Steven Key.

The American women chanted in English while the GoDeok team from Pyeongtaek, one of two Korean women’s teams that played the Camp

Humphreys women that day, chanted in Korean.

There was a lot of cheering, said Kirsten Anke.

“We didn’t understand the Korean cheers and they probably didn’t understand ours,” said Anke, the only officer on the team.

“There is no rank on the field,” she said. “I am subject to the same humbling game play and motivating cheers as the rest of the team.”

Also on the team is family member Charice DeGuzman, a former active-duty Soldier now mother of two married to Staff Sgt. Torino DeGuzman, the team’s assistant coach.

Though the Camp Humphreys women beat both Korean teams, they departed as friends.

“I like playing Korean women,” said Wanita Evelyn. “They are friendly and it was a lot of fun.”

Evelyn and the team face stiff competition today and Saturday at the 8th Army Softball Championship at Yongsan.



Son Eun Joung peps up her team spirit..



Kirsten “K” Anke runs to first base as Amanda “Koko” Kokkonen dashes to second during a game against Pyeongtaek women.



Jamie Nelson slides into second base during a game with the GoDeok women’s team from Pyeongtaek. Area III women played two Pyeongtaek teams.



Coach Steven Key gives the Camp Humphreys women’s softball team words of wisdom before taking on two Korean women’s teams July 21 at Camp Humphreys’ Soldiers Field. “Don’t take them for granted,” said Key. “They are out to beat us.”

NEWS & NOTES

Top Area III Volunteers honored at Humphreys

Staff Sgt. Tiffani Atkins was named Area III Volunteer of the Quarter and James W. Reynolds III was named Outstanding Youth Volunteer during the 39th Army Community Service Birthday Celebration July 23 at Camp Humphreys.

Atkins, from Company B, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion, was nominated for her involvement in the Army Family Action Plan and Army Family Team Building programs. She was a facilitator at the Installation 2004 Army Family Action Plan Conference. An instructor-trainer, she was credited for her ability to train, manage and provide for the welfare of Soldiers and family members.

Reynolds, volunteer for the 501st Signal Company Area Information Technology Center, was recognized for assisting with the network design, installation and testing of 17 personal computer workstations at the Information Training classroom. He also helped set up 40 PC workstations for Common Access Card capability.

These Soldiers received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal:

■ Sgt. Tisa Brown, Camp Humphreys Resident Agency (CID).

■ Sgt. 1st Class Karl Pierce, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade.

■ Sgt. Robert Monigan, 520th Maintenance Company.

■ Sgt. Robert Stallings, Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion.

■ Spc. Emmanuel Gadiano, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment.

Smoking Cessation Classes

Kick the tobacco habit with help from professionals at preventive medicine. Tobacco cessation classes are held 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday from at the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic. For an appointment, call 753-8388 or 753-7657.

Sports Results

■ Camp Humphreys Company Level Softball Championship: Champion, Co. B, 2/52nd Avn. Regt.; Co. A, 304th Sig. Bn. was runner-up.

■ Area III Company Level Softball Championship: Champion, Co. B, 2/52nd Avn Regt.; Runner-Up was Det. 2, 607th MMS (Suwon)

■ Invitational Rugby Championship at Camp Red Cloud: Camp Humphreys took second place.

■ 8th Army Triathlon at Camp Casey: Pfc. Gregory McCarter (A Co, 2/52nd Avn Regt.) took fourth in the men's open division and 12th place overall.

Resume Writing and RESUMIX Assistance

Resume writing and RESUMIX assistance classes will be conducted Aug. 3 at the Digital Learning Center at Camp Humphreys. The resume writing class will be 9 a.m.-noon and the RESUMIX assistance class 1-4 p.m. Preregistration is required. Space is limited to 16 students. Call 753-8321 or 753-8401 for more information.

College Registration

Army Education Term I college registration will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-20 at the Camp Humphreys Education Center. For more information, call 753-8907 or 753-8909.

Airfield inspectors on the lookout for trouble

Employees keep eyes on the mission, aviators safe by meticulous work

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – On any given day of the year at Camp Humphreys, two Korean employees at Desiderio Army Airfield may be seen meticulously inspecting the runway, taxiways and parking areas.

Kim Ki-sop, a 65-year-old veteran of the Republic of Korea Air Force, and Pak Chi-won, his younger counterpart at 35-years old, are airfield operations assistants in the airfield's Alert Services section. They travel from one area of the airfield to another in their dark blue truck looking with expert eyes for cracks, rocks or any debris that may damage aircraft moving at the airfield.

With more than 65,000 aircraft movements last year, Desiderio Army Airfield is one of the busiest outside of the continental U.S. Those aircraft require a clear, clean airfield in order to take off, land and move around safely without damage.

"We have found metal bolts, springs, vehicle parts, broken chains, small pieces of asphalt and other foreign objects on the airfield," said Kim. "Any of those things can damage aircraft, so we look for them every morning and pick them up."

Kim and Pak also inspect navigational aids and more than 300 runway and taxiway lights to make sure they are operational.

Kim was a weapons controller for the Republic of Korea Air Force for 27 years.

"I joined the Air Force in 1959 and have served on isolated islands, mountaintops and radar sites all over the country," said Kim, who lives in nearby Songtan with his wife, daughter and son. "My job as a weapons controller was to guide tactical fighter aircraft flying close air support missions."

Shortly after retiring from the military, Kim began working for the U.S. Army. He's been supporting Camp Humphreys and Desiderio Army Airfield for nearly 13 years.

Each morning – regardless of rain, sleet, snow or hail – he and Pak inspect their areas, and then attend to other airfield chores.

"It can be different every day," said Pak, who worked at Camp Walker in Daegu before joining the airfield team more than two years ago. "We may translate for airfield construction workers or direct Area III Directorate of Public Works electricians to runway lights that need to be repaired."

Kim said there have been numerous improvements at the airfield during the past year, including the construction of additional permanent parking areas and a "hammerhead" taxi area, an upgrade of the hot refueling



Kim Ki-sop, left, and Pak Chi-won stand on the runway at Camp Humphreys. Both of the Desiderio Army Airfield employees inspect the runway daily to keep it safe for aircraft.

point, installation of new approach lighting and the opening of a new air traffic control tower.

Pak said there is always some cleaning to be done at the airfield.

"Helicopters returning from field training exercises or missions in wet weather may bring dirt, grass and gravel with them on their tires," he said. "When the airfield gets messy, we call in a work order to sweep the runways or aircraft parking areas."

Desiderio Army Airfield Commander Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryan E. Boyd said Pak and Kim are an indispensable part of the airfield team.

"I can't imagine how many thousands, or even millions, of dollars in aircraft engines or parts these two guys save the U.S. military," said Boyd. "Their job requires a lot of vigilance, and they give it all they've got."



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Above: Pak Chi-won reveals some of the debris he gathered during his daily inspection.

Left: Kim Ki-sop escorts Area III Directorate of Public Works electricians as they fix a taxiway light.

Direct support 'Providers' honor new commander

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Soldiers of the 194th Maintenance Battalion (Direct Support) rendered first salutes to their new commander as they passed in review during a change of command ceremony July 22 at Camp Humphreys.

Lt. Col. Steven M. Elkins, formerly munitions branch chief and command munitions manager for the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., proudly returned their salutes.

The 194th Maintenance Battalion consists of a headquarters and headquarters detachment, a direct support maintenance company, a supply company and two aviation intermediate maintenance companies.

Elkins replaces Lt. Col. Kevin McRee, who will take charge of the G-4 operation for the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The commander of the 23rd Area Support Group, Col. Gregory L. Johansen, lauded McRee for his many accomplishments during his two-year command tenure. Among them:

- Support for the redeployment to the Republic of Korea of the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade following an AH-64D Apache Longbow upgrade and deployment of the 1st Squadron and six CH-47 aircraft to the United States for upgrade.

- Successful recovery of three downed aircraft.

- Establishing the Aviation National Maintenance Program at the Camp Humphreys Aviation Readiness Facility.

- Conducting two battalion external evaluations and setting high standards to battle-focused training.

- Establishing a risk management program that reduced recordable accidents by 50 percent this year.

McRee said farewell to his command in an emotion-filled speech.

Elkins, who began his career in 1979 as an enlisted Soldier, read "The Soldier's Creed" in a brief address to "Provider Battalion" Soldiers.

"This is our creed and my bond with you," he said. "Let us go forth from here and stand as one. Forward with support."



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Lt. Col. Steven M. Elkins, left, receives the 194th Maintenance Battalion colors from 23rd Area Support Group Commander Col. Gregory L. Johansen July 22 at Camp Humphreys.



Lt. Col. Kevin McRee says farewell to Col. Kim Yong-hyuk, special assistant to the vice chief of staff of the Republic of Korea Air Force. McRee is bound for a job as G-4 for the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

20th ASG helps to move 2ID equipment

Story by Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

The emphasis of U.S. Army logistics on the peninsula has been on receiving units and equipment into the theater since the Korean War. Units from the 19th Theater Support Command train year round for this wartime mission, especially during key exercises such as Ulchi Focus Lens and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration, better known as RSOI.

This summer that all changed.

In May, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, received orders to deploy to Iraq, and the focus suddenly shifted on how to deploy a brigade and all of its equipment off of the peninsula to another theater of operations.

The 20th Area Support Group, 19th TSC, played a significant role in this change of mission.

"For the 20th ASG, it was a great opportunity to train on its wartime mission of conducting reception, staging and onward movement for forces deploying to Korea," said Lt. Col. Brian Imiola, deputy commander for the 20th ASG. "The only difference was that instead of receiving units coming into Korea, we were pushing a brigade combat team off the peninsula."

Deploying the brigade's equipment was not a simple task, Imiola said. To ensure a smooth deployment process, the 20th ASG coordinated the efforts of more than 430 Soldiers from units all over the peninsula.

"The success of the whole operation was the teamwork between the different units involved," he said. "Right from the start, a great working relationship was developed between the 20th ASG and 2nd ID. Other units involved in the process included the 837th Transportation Company, the 25th Transportation Company, the Installation Management Agency-Korea Region, the 501st Corps Support Group and the 55th Theater Materiel Management Center.

"The 20th ASG provided overall command and control from Busan," he said. "This included developing the plan, coordinating for facilities, coordinating for external support from other 19th TSC units and KORO, tracking the status of deployment and providing and coordinating maintenance support to 2nd ID deploying forces."

Just getting the equipment, which includes Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, from Area I to Busan involved around 40 separate train runs and 200 truck trips, Imiola said.

Once the equipment arrived in Busan, it was staged

at Pier 8 and adjacent military and commercial piers to be loaded onto ships, he said.

"The ROK Port Operating Group provided invaluable support in allowing us to use their compound to stage vehicles," Imiola said.

Soldiers in Busan worked 12-hour shifts in temperatures up to 94 degrees – even hotter inside the ships – to receive the equipment, then load it onto transport ships, he said.

"The Soldiers from HHC, 20th ASG, 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne), 61st Chemical Company, along with 2nd ID Soldiers, did a superb job in safely downloading almost 40 trains and uploading two ships with more than 1,600 pieces of equipment," Imiola said.

For many Soldiers, this was their first experience with supporting a deployment.

"It was not what we expected," said

Cpl. Yang Yung Yae, a chemical specialist with the 61st Chemical Company. "We thought ground guiding would be easy until we started ground guiding and staging vehicles. We had never seen tracked vehicles, but we all worked together as one team for the same mission."

"The key to this mission was that leadership was in the right place to ensure that Soldiers were trained in



A Soldier ground guides a Bradley Fighting Vehicle onto one of two transport ships that will take the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division's equipment to Iraq. The last ship sailed from the port of Busan July 23.

PHOTO BY CHO PONG-SUNG

deployment and redeployment readiness," said Staff Sgt. Michael Loetz, a wheeled vehicle maintenance manager with the 20th Area Support Group. "This exercise determined that Soldiers can deploy from anywhere in the world, no matter where they are."

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AUSA leader visits Area IV, learns how Korea units support GWOT

Story, photo by Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams

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CAMP HENRY — The Association of the U.S. Army Korea Chapter District IV and its Corporate Chapter work year round to support Soldiers and their families in Area IV as they continue to

live and serve far away from the United States.

District IV members recently not only had a chance to show AUSA's national headquarters what they've accomplished, but they also got feedback on what's taking place at the national level, when retired Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup, vice president of

Education and managing director for the Institute of Land Warfare, National AUSA, came to Area IV July 15-16.

Stroup said he makes these trips to see Soldiers, specifically focusing on quality of life and readiness issues. He said the timing of this trip was especially important given the upcoming deployment of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd

Infantry Division to Iraq.

"I came here to learn how Korea in total is supporting a deploying brigade," Stroup said. "What I've learned is remarkable."

Stroup said that the 19th Theater Support Command has played a key role in the process. "The 19th in the past

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Area IV Women's Equality Day Celebration

The 19th Theater Support Command Equal Opportunity office and the 20th Support Group Equal Opportunity office are hosting the Area IV Women's Equality Day celebration 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Evergreen Club on Camp Walker. The guest speaker is Carol McGee. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Monte Tarrt at 768-6764 or Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Buxton at 768-8542.

160th SOAR Change of Command

Company E, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment is hosting a change of command ceremony 10 a.m. Aug. 9 in Hangar 5000 at K-2 Air Base. RSVP by today to Helen Durkin at 766-4601.

VFW's "Return to Vietnam" Trip

Veterans who received Purple Hearts while serving in Vietnam could be one of 12 lucky veterans to win the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Return to Vietnam" trip. This tour in April 2005 will visit numerous places in the country and includes airfare and accommodations. Entries must be received before the drawing on Nov. 15. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail in early December. For more information, call Bobby Bradley at 764-3534.

Cyber Cafe Closure

The Camp Walker Cyber Café is closed while the Community Activity Center is renovated. For more information, call Chong Chu-yung at 768-7383.

Tour and Travel Service and Car Rental Shop Relocation

The Camp Walker Tour and Travel Service and Car Rental Shop has moved to the container located next to the Camp Walker Post Exchange. For more information, call Chong Chu-yung at 768-7383.

Daegu Commissary Early Bird Shopping

The Daegu Commissary is conducting a test on early bird shopping until Sept. 21. Early bird shopping will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays only. Shopping will be limited to 10 items or fewer during those times. For more information, call Celine Ruiz at 764-5311.

Korea Theater Support Center Hotline

The 1st Signal Brigade's Korea Theater Support Center has opened a hotline to provide around the clock technical support for computer problems. People with e-mail, Internet or any other problems, can call 8324 or "TECH." It is not necessary to dial any prefix before the number. For more information, call 1st Lt. Ryan Renken at 764-4433.

Daegu American Red Cross Station Reopened

The American Red Cross station in Daegu has reopened. For more information and assistance, call Phyllis Marvin at 768-7993.

Soldiers show students the power of technology

Story by 2nd Lt. Christie Banner

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER — The 36th Signal Battalion hosted an Information Technology Camp at Camp Walker July 12-14 for Daegu elementary school students.

Fifteen Korean students attended the battalion's first effort at organizing an event like this. The students, chosen for their academic skills and English-language knowledge, were exposed to subjects such as: the history of the Internet, developing Microsoft PowerPoint presentations and radio broadcasting.

"This was the first time the battalion hosted an IT camp, so the number of students was kept at a minimum," said 1st Lt. Cheree Harris, operations officer for the 293rd Signal Company. "We used this camp experience as a pilot program to see what children were most interested in learning."

Although the focus of the camp was information technology, not all of the activity happened inside the classroom.

"The goal was to provide a positive educational experience for the students, but we also tried to incorporate activities of interest to children ranging in age from 10-13 years old," said 2nd Lt. Patrick McGrath, executive officer with



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Korea Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier Pfc. Shin Han-jin (center) talks to Daegu elementary school students during the 36th Signal Battalion's Information Technology Camp on Camp Walker. Pfc. Mark Sabung and 2nd Lt. Christie Banner also participated in the camp held July 12-14.

501st Signal Company.

McGrath said activities included such things as soccer, basketball, swimming and a tour of the American Forces Network-Korea studios in Daegu. During the tour, the students were shown how a radio broadcast is done and were given the opportunity to practice introducing songs on the air.

The camp also provided relief for

some of the Soldiers.

"I talk to adults all day long," said 1st Lt. Julius Smith from 169th Signal Company. "I really enjoyed having an opportunity to take a break to laugh with kids and teach them valuable information they will take back with them to their Korean classrooms."

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has focused on bringing units in. Now, in a turnabout, we're sending them out," he said.

In honor of Stroup's visit, District IV sponsored a dinner July 15 at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker. AUSA members, military leadership and Soldiers from all over Area IV attended the dinner.

District IV member Command Sgt. Maj. Ted Lopez presented a slide show to Stroup that highlighted District IV's involvement in Area IV. Lopez said that AUSA's support enabled Soldiers to enjoy events, such as the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers Valentine's Day Ball, Area IV enlisted dining in, NCO Induction Ceremony and the Army birthday celebration.

Following dinner, Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, president of District IV, introduced the guest of honor.

"Lt. Gen. Stroup travels the world to tell the AUSA story, and takes stories and concerns back to Washington for us," said Edmunds. "He knows how to get our needs across to Congress in order to get things done."

Stroup, who showed three patriotic video clips, told the audience that, "This is about you tonight."

He went on to describe what AUSA does for Soldiers at the national level. Stroup said many Soldiers do not realize what an impact AUSA has had on them personally. He gave the audience examples of AUSA-supported programs that directly affect Soldiers in Korea, such as the Cost of Living Allowance and the recent Assignment Incentive Program.

National AUSA is also fighting for family members, he said. Current issues include getting in-state tuition for family members at every duty location and enabling family members to collect unemployment when forced to leave a job because of a permanent change of station move.

"General Stroup's visit was realistic and informative," said Staff Sgt. Martha Brown, 19th TSC, who attended the dinner. "His briefing offered Soldiers realistic situations that they can better relate to, therefore increasing their fundamental understanding of the association."

"Overall, it is good to know that there is an organization that fights for Soldiers and their rights," she said.

The following day, Stroup toured units in the Daegu enclave, talking to Soldiers and getting briefed on units' missions.

He wrapped up his visit with a luncheon with AUSA District IV executive committee members. During the luncheon, Stroup spent an hour discussing national-level issues and giving advice for how District IV can continue to be successful.

The key to continued success in Korea, he said, is strong corporate chapter support. "There is nothing like it in AUSA anywhere else in the world," said Stroup, who added that chapters in Japan and Germany were looking to copy the success of the corporate program in Korea.

Executive committee members were enthusiastic about the time spent with Stroup.

"He provided us with some real insight on where the Army and AUSA is going," said Sgt 1st Class William Huckabee, who handles awards for District IV. "What I liked most is that he talked openly about the current projects AUSA is working on."

"What we'd like to say as we travel around and talk to leaders, Soldiers, executive committee members and especially corporate members here, is, 'Thank you for serving. Thank you for taking care of our troops,'" Stroup said.

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Foreign-born spouses taste American food, culture



Maribel King, who is married to Sgt. 1st Class Fletcher King, 837th Transportation Battalion, slices a cucumber while preparing salad during a 'Quick 'n easy everyday American cookery' "session" at the Camp Hialeah Army Community Service Cross-cultural Marriage Seminar.

Story, photo by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH — From cooking to history to financial management, the multinational spouses of Camp Hialeah Soldiers and civilian employees learned about living in the United States at the Camp Hialeah Army Community Service Cross-Cultural Marriage Seminar July 19-23.

Twelve husbands and wives from several different cultural backgrounds, including Korean, Latino, Filipino and Thai, were part of the week-long course designed to minimize the cultural shock foreign-born spouses will experience when they relocate to the United States.

"(The seminar) is supposed to provide information and training to this multicultural group of spouses on adapting to America," said Steve Wegley, Camp Hialeah Army Community Service relocation manager. "In other words, we are providing them with programs on how to deal with different issues they will encounter to help make their transition into the American community easier."

The Camp Hialeah Army Community Service offered a class for future wives called the "Bride School" until 1998, according to Joan Kim, acting Camp Hialeah Army Community Service director. In 1998, having seen a growth in the number of cross-cultural couples in the area, Kim felt a need for a course that can help and cater to not only the American brides, but also to brides from different cultures.

"The 'Bride School' wasn't as comprehensive as the seminar we offer now," Kim said. "It would only attract American and Korean spouses, but we knew

there are more out there. So in order to benefit more people, we brought in the concept of cross-cultural marriage seminar."

This was the first seminar the Camp Hialeah ACS has offered since the inaugural class in 1998. Kim said twelve people graduated from that class.

"We haven't had the seminar in a long time," she said. "We didn't have managers to coordinate everything. It takes a lot of planning. That's why we have worked so hard on preparing the course."

Many cross-cultural couples experience hardships because of different cultural backgrounds and lifestyles between partners.

"The main one is language," said Wegley. "(The non-American spouses) are not going to fully understand English. They are not familiar with the way Americans normally communicate. So we are trying to at least let them know what to expect."

"There are a lot of cross-cultural couples that get into relationship problems and wind up in Family Advocacy social work services," Kim said. "A lot of it is because of lack of communication and differences in cultural background. Marriage itself is difficult. To be from two different cultures is even more difficult. So there are a lot of challenges to these couples. In addition, they are living the mobile military lifestyle, which is tremendously stressful and impacts everything in their lives."

The seminar offered a series of classes on topics a foreign-born spouse would need to survive in the United States. It also included history and geography of the United States, and a half-day block of instruction on preparing "quick 'n easy" everyday American food.

The participants said the seminar was helpful and they learned from it.

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